



WILLARD BROOK STATE FOREST

2017 AUGUST CALENDAR

Park Interpreter: Liz

Park Address: 599 Main St, West Townsend, MA 01474

Park Phone Number: 978-597-8802

All programs and special events are free and open to the public. The daily parking fee is \$8.00 per MA vehicle \$15 Out of State. Season passes are available for \$60 MA Vehicles and \$120 out of state. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note all programs are weather pending. Scheduled programs will be relocated to the Nature Center if raining.

For more information please call the park, or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/willard-brook-state-forest.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tue	Wed	Th	Friday	Saturday
		1)	2)	3)	4) An Amphibian Lifecycle 2:00-3:00 Nature Center Open House 4:00-6:00 (with crafts from 5:00-6:00) Evening Encounters at Damon Pond 7:30-8:30	5) What's Wild At Willard Brook 2:00-3:00 KIDleidoscope At Pearl Hill 5:00-6:00 Evening Encounters At Pearl Hill 7:30-8:30
6) Take A Hike 10:00-12:00 Nature Center Open House 1:00-4:00 (with crafts from 2:00-3:00)	7) KIDleidoscope At Damon Pond 10:00-11:00 Whooooo Is Here 12:00-1:00	8)	9)	10)	11) An Amphibian Lifecycle 2:00-3:00 Whooooo Is Here? 5:30-6:30 Evening Encounters At Damon Pond 7:30-8:30	12) Fly Fishing Demonstration 11:00-12:00 Beaver Walk and Talk 1:00-2:00 KIDleidoscope At Pearl Hill 4:00-5:00

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

<p>Nature Center Open House</p>	<p>Stop by the Nature Center at Damon Pond to meet the Park Interpreter, Liz. This program is a good introduction to many fascinating features and creatures of the park both present and past. This month, come learn all about mammals: come check out some skull and track replicas that are on display, look through our field guides, compare your height and footsteps to various forest animals. Recommended for all ages. Come and go as you please during the listed times. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p> <p>*Please note the Nature Center will be closed during games (as listed above in the calendar).</p> <p>*For Adaptation Games we will be talking about animal adaptations, and going to search in the woods for fake paper snakes that the interpreter will have placed out ahead of time. Please wear sturdy shoes, and be prepared to go on a brief walk uphill.</p>
<p>KIDleidoscope</p>	<p>When listed at Damon Pond, meet at the Nature Center; when listed at Pearl Hill, meet on the beach and look for the yellow sign on a picnic bench. Join in for this fun, hands-on experience - based upon some favorite nature-themed children's stories. You'll hear a story, participate in an activity, and make a craft to take home with you. This program is designed to help young children understand the natural world around them while having fun. Please dress for the weather, and wear shoes suitable for possible outdoor activities, such as a game or short nature walk. Recommended for ages 4-10. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p>
<p>What's Wild at Willard Brook?</p>	<p>Want to know who's been around the park lately? Meet at the Nature Center at Damon Pond and join the Park Interpreter for an easy to moderate one-hour walk based upon things living in the State Forest. The trail will be no more than one mile length in total. If the group is interested, we may even stop for some related nature activities. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, and bring water. Be prepared for possible muddy and uneven terrain. Bring insect repellent if desired. This program is suitable for children over age 6, accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p>
<p>An Amphibian Lifecycle</p>	<p>See the life cycle in action right here at Damon Pond! Meet at the Nature Center to learn about amphibians such as frogs and salamanders that are living here at the State Forest, and join the Park Interpreter as we search for some of them. How many can you find on the land versus in the water? Let's look together and then work on identifying them and how they can help us. Some short uneven trail walking required to get to the water. Please be prepared to potentially get your feet wet, and wear shoes accordingly. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p>
<p>Water Safari</p>	<p>When this program is listed at Damon Pond, we will start at the Nature Center, when listed at Pearl Hill meet on the beach and look for the yellow sign. Join the Park Interpreter for this hands-on activity that will show what organisms live in our various water ecosystems. We will provide everything you need for exploring near the shore. This program is recommended for children ages 5 and up (<i>younger children also welcome</i>). All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Be prepared to get your feet wet. Water shoes or shoes you don't mind getting wet are recommended.</p>

Evening Encounters	Meet the Park Interpreter for an evening of learning, activities, and games. When this program is listed at Damon Pond, meet at the Nature Center; when listed at Pearl Hill, meet in front of the contact station. What things come out at night, and will you be able to find signs of them? What things in nature can light up the night? All ages welcome, but recommended for ages 8 and up. Please wear comfortable shoes. The Park Interpreter will have a head lamp, but feel free to bring your own flashlight as well. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
Whoooo is Here? Owls of Massachusetts	Meet the Park Interpreter inside Damon Pond Nature Center where we will learn about the owls of Massachusetts. We will be doing a hands-on interactive learning program as we talk about why these animals are so important to the ecosystem, why their wings vary from other birds, and how they catch their prey. We'll also dissect owl pellets to learn what type of things they have eaten. This program is recommended for ages 7 and up. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Take A Hike!	Staying active is a healthy life choice and what better place than in a beautiful state park. Trails are the heart of our park system and we hope you will make them part of your healthy lifetime routine. Be sure to bring water and wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes. Bring bug spray and sunscreen as needed. *Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Please note these programs are subject to cancel pending weather. * August 6th Meet the Interpreter at the Damon Pond Nature Center for this easy to moderate 1.5mile loop hike ending on The Brook Trail back to the Nature Center. This trail has some hills, and the terrain has rocks and roots. Recommended for ages 10 and up. * August 28th Meet the Interpreter at Damon Pond Nature Center and we will walk the Family Friendly Loop. This trail is labeled easy and is about one mile in length. Recommended for children 7 and up.
Welcome Campfire	Meet the Park Interpreter at Pearl Hill Campsite #20. Learn the basics of campfire safety and how to build a campfire. We will sing songs, and you'll hear some stories about Willard Brook and Pearl Hill that may surprise you. Bring your own marshmallows or s'mores ingredients. Bring a chair, water, and insect repellent if desired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
Special Events At Pearl Hill:	*August 12th from 11:00-12:00. Fly Fishing Demonstration: Meet at Pearl Hill contact station. Join the Park Interpreter and local volunteer Eino Kauppi for a fly-fishing demonstration. Learn about different types of fly-fishing gear, equipment, and supplies; and see a casting demonstration. This program is suitable for all ages. *August 12th from 1:00-2:00. Beaver Talk and Walk: Meet at Pearl Hill contact station. Join the Park Interpreter and local volunteer Eino Kauppi at Pearl Hill for a talk and walk about the ecological importance of beavers and their habitats. Meet at the Contact Station. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for a short and easy hike to the beaver dam. Bringing a water bottle, and insect repellent is recommended. *August 26th from 11:00am-1:00pm. Smokey and His Safety Friends Event: Join Smokey Bear and his safety friends of Townsend; including the Townsend Fire Department, Townsend Police, DCR Department of Forest and Fire Safety, DCR Park Rangers, and DCR Interpreter for a fun day out getting to know them and their equipment that they use to help keep our town and State Park Safe. This event will be held at the Pearl Hill Ball Field.